

Application No. 10/602,871

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

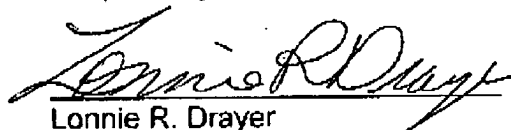
The Examiner issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment for the Amendment filed on 01/30/2004. The undersigned apologizes for the inconvenience caused for the Examiner due to applicant's failure to provide the status of each claim in the application. That error has been corrected in the present document.

In paragraph 8 of the Office Action the Examiner stated that claims 3, 16, 13, and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The limitation of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1 (amended). The limitation of claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 11 (amended). New independent claim 19 corresponds in scope with originally filed claim 6. New independent claim 20 corresponds in scope with originally filed claim 16. Each of the dependent claims that remains pending in the application depends from either claim 1 (amended) or claim 11 (amended), so these dependent claims should now be allowable.

The number of independent claims in the application is now four. Authorization to charge the deposit account of the undersigned for the additional independent claim was submitted in duplicate on 01/30/2004.

It is believed that the application is now in form and condition for allowance and such action by the examiner is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,



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